

REMARKS

The present Amendment and Response is believed to be fully responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 26, 2009, and is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the appropriate fees. After entry of the present Amendment, Claims 59, 64, and 66-70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, 79, and 81-85 are pending in this application. Claims 71, 74, 77, and 80 have been cancelled without prejudice, and Claims 1-55 were been previously canceled without prejudice by prior response. Claims 56-58, 60-63, and 65 were previously withdrawn. By this Amendment, independent Claims 59, 64, and 66-69, and dependent Claims 70, 72, 73, 75, 78, and 81 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by the present amendments. In light of the above listed amendments and the remarks below, it is respectfully asserted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an indication of such an allowance is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter Indicated

In the Final Office Action, dependent Claims 71, 74, 77, and 80 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As a result of this indication, independent Claims 59, 64, and 66-69 have been amended to include the elements originally cited in dependent Claims 71, 74, 77, and 80. Therefore, it is respectfully asserted that amended independent Claims 59, 64, and 66-69 are in condition for allowance. Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 70, 72, 73, 75, 76, 78, 79, and 81-83 are allowable as a matter of law as depending from an allowable base claim, notwithstanding their independent recitation of patentable subject matter. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that new dependent Claims 84 and 85, which parallel existing dependent Claims 82 and 83, are allowable as a matter of law as depending from an allowable base claim, notwithstanding their independent recitation of patentable subject matter.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Final Office Action, Claims 59, 64, and 66-70, 72, 73, 75, 76, and 79-83 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,311,170 to Embrey (hereinafter "*Embrey*"). Although it is believed that these claims are allowable over *Embrey*, in order to expedite the allowance of the present application, independent Claims 59, 64, and 66-69 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter set forth in dependent Claims 71, 74, 77, and 80. Given the amendments made to the independent claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 are now moot. Accordingly, prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that each matter raised by the Office Action has been responded to. Allowance of the claims is respectfully solicited. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

If there are any issues that can be resolved by a telephone conference or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (404) 853.8037.

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